

# While Mother Worked They Nearly Died



Jerry Woodruff, Jr., six years old, and his baby sister Carol, 15 months, who narrowly escaped burning to death alone in their apartment at 420 W. 129th St., in Harlem, while their mother was working in a Long Island war plant.

Daily Worker Photo.

## Do We Need Child Care?--Read This

By ANN RIVINGTON

Do you want to know why women are not going to work in the nation's war industries as rapidly as they are needed?

Do you want to know what keeps many thousands who do have jobs in war plants from giving their best energies to the war effort?

Mrs. Audrey Woodruff, young Harlem mother, two of whose children almost burned to death last week while she was away at work, can tell you.

A national, centrally planned child-care program at once is the only answer for Mrs. Woodruff and for growing millions of Mrs. Woodruff.

### A MOTHER'S STORY

Here's the story, as this mother told it to the Daily Worker yesterday:

At 6:30 Friday morning, Mrs. Woodruff left her ground-floor apartment at 420 W. 129th St., on her way to work.

At 8, her husband, Jerry Woodruff, also left for work. Little Audrey, aged 8, had gone to school but Jerry, Jr., who is 6, and 16-month-old Carol were still sleeping. Hitting to disturb them, Mr. Woodruff left the key with Mrs. Bertha Clay, next door at 416, who minds children for working mothers in the block, asking her to get the children in half an hour.

### ALMOST BURN TO DEATH

During that half hour, fire broke out in Mrs. Woodruff's apartment. An examination of the flame-scarred walls last night indicated that the fire started in the electric fuse box over the bathroom door.

Mrs. Clay heard little Jerry calling from the window, and rushed out just in time to help the janitor rescue the two children, in pajamas and underwear, through the front window. Exit through the door was already impossible.

That night, Audrey Woodruff came home from her war production job to a vacant, fire-ridden flat. It wasn't till later that she learned the children were safe.

"It might have been worse," she said last night with a shudder, hugging the two children to her.

Yes, it might have been worse, and it might have happened to any one of millions of mothers throughout America,

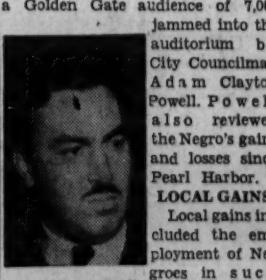
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## 7,000 Adopt New 'Harlem Charter'

By Eugene Gordon

The people of the United States were presented Monday night with a precise, detailed program for Negro rights and with a review of the situation regarding the gains and losses in the struggle for these rights after one year of war. The program was presented as a war measure in the struggle for victory over foreign and domestic fascism. It was labelled the "Harlem Charter."

The "Charter" was presented to a Golden Gate audience of 7,000 jammed into the auditorium by City Councilman A. D. Clayton Powell. Powell also reviewed the Negro's gains and losses since Pearl Harbor.



A. Clayton Powell  
Sperry Gyroscope, Ford Instrument, Western Electric and ship building; increased employment in Lerner's, Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Lord and Taylor's, Chock Full O' Nuts; em-

ployment covering employees of its Chicago stores, including a revised maintenance of union membership clause the company had previously rejected.

The order then said the company was "directed to execute forthwith" a collective bargaining contract to become effective as of today and remain in effect for one year.

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## FOE FAILS TO STOP RED ARMY

### Yugoslavs Hold Constituent Assembly

#### Defeatists Ask Bill to Silence Victory Forces

By Frank Ryhlick  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The forces of appeasement and reaction on Capitol Hill are planning to establish a second "Diles Committee" in an effort to head off any popular movement designed to rally support for total war policies in Congress.

These forces were frightened by campagnes to elect win-the-war representatives at the recent election.

Many Congressmen won re-election only by skillful demagogic, and they don't want to face the same fight again.

#### FEAR WAR FORCES

Above all, they realize that the only thing they have to fear until next election is the political mobilization of labor and all win-the-war forces to compel positive action on Capitol Hill.

Therefore, they are trying to take the offensive now. Capitol observers tended to shrug their shoulders a few days ago when the native fascist, Clare Hoffman of Michigan, introduced in the House a resolution calling for creation of a committee to investigate any group of persons involved in the attempt to mobilize the people against the defeatist elements during the pre-election campaign.

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#### Transport Union Asks WLB to Act

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Transport Workers' Union charged before the War Labor Board today that New York City's Board of Transportation had "failed to live up to its promises and obligations to its 22,000 employees."

Union officials urged the WLB to take jurisdiction over their pending case.

Terming the actions of the Board of Transportation "indefensible in time of war," Harry Sacher, the union's general counsel, described in detail a series of "autocratic acts" on the part of the board and its chairman, John H. Delaney. These facts, he said, were driving large numbers of city employees into private industry.

He detailed a long list of broken promises to adjust grievances and wages and declared that it was only as a last resort that the union was appealing to the War Labor Board to adjudicate the dispute.

The statement of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia that the WLB's jurisdiction did not extend to municipal employees was challenged with the argument that the mayor seemed most concerned with the "manner in which the board may exercise its power rather than with the existence of the power."

Sacher maintained further that the disputes which the Board was called upon to adjust and settle are not only those which may result in strikes. "This board's obligation," he said, "is to adjust and settle all disputes that might interrupt work which contributes to the effective prosecution of the war."

War work, he added, is necessarily interrupted when morale, efficiency and production are lowered by a dispute such as this one.

#### FDR Acts to Protect Job Seniority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—President Roosevelt said today the manpower problem can be remedied to a great degree if non-war industries permit their skilled employees to accept war work without forfeiting seniority privileges or the right to return to their old jobs when the war is over.

He told his press conference that the management of civilian businesses "can perform a great service to the government at this time" if they give to employees who leave for war work the same assurances the Selective Service Act gives to those who join the armed services.

He also criticized what he described as a widespread misconception that millions of civilian workers are enjoying nice, soft government jobs. Of the 2,500,000 civilians employed in the federal services, he said, more than 60 per cent—some 1,500,000—are engaged in actual production of munitions.

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#### Hotel Employees Get Wage Raise

Wage increases for 22,000 New York union hotel workers came through yesterday when the National War Labor Board approved a contract negotiated by the Hotel Trades Council, AFL, with the Hotel Association of New York City.

All waiters, waitresses, bellboys and baggage porters, employed by 105 hotels, signers of the agreement, receive increases of \$1.50 a

week and all other employees, including helpers, will receive \$2 a week more.

WLB approval was given to the pact on the basis that it eliminates inequalities.

Data produced by the union showed that wage rates in the hotel industry are below rates paid for comparable work in the area. The average wage in hotels involved is \$20.40 a week.

Employees of restaurants and cafeterias were receiving substantially higher wages in virtually every category than hotel workers before the ruling.

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#### Free Fare for Soldiers Voted

THE CITY COUNCIL, after witnessing two demonstrations of fire fighting on the chamber floor yesterday, voted down Councilman Hugh Quinn's bill to outlaw stirrup pumps and other civilian air raid equipment.

Earlier the Council, by a vote of 20 to 2, adopted the Cohen Bill, a rewrite of Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione's local

law, to give free subway transportation to soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform.

Councilman Anthony DiGiovanna, Brooklyn Democrat, opened the debate on the Quinn Bill, stating adoption of the measure would be "sabotage of the war effort."

QUINN IS A BUST

Quinn made a sorry spectacle as he tried to demonstrate that the pumps were valueless by spraying water from a pump on an oil-burning traffic torch set up in the chamber. He demanded elimination of shovels and sand as legal civilian fire fighting equipment.

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#### To Avenge Crimes Against Jews--FDR

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (UPI).—President Roosevelt today expressed a delegation of Jewish leaders the profound shock and indignation of the American people at the wholesale extermination of the Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe.

The Jewish leaders put before the President a detailed memorandum on the mass murder of the Jews of Europe through massacres, planned starvation, deportation, slave labor and epidemics in disease-ridden ghettos, penal labor colonies and slave reservations.

The memorandum told of "caravans of death" or mass deportations of Jews and of "extermination centers" where thousands of Jews are killed in cold blood by carbon monoxide from the exhaust of army trucks.

Dr. Wise said that the President thought that the American people more than ever before would feel "that the conscience of the United Nations and of free men everywhere was revolted by these deeds of savagery and of attempted extermination."

The delegation asked the Presi-

#### Hold First Session In Town Rid of Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—The first nationwide Constituent Assembly of the People's Liberation Movement in Yugoslavia held a two-day session in the old Bosnian town of Bihać, newly liberated by the guerrilla armies, on Nov. 26th and 27th, according to the secret radio

EXCLUSIVE "Free Yugoslavia."

An executive committee was chosen, headed by the Independent Democrat and prominent Yugoslav leader, Ivan Rybar, to deal with "all problems of public life."

"It will be assisted," says the report by "people's liberation committees formed in almost all regions on liberated and non-liberated territory."

#### GREET ALLIED LEADERS

Greetings were sent to President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, the defenders of Stalingrad, and the commanders of the People's Liberation Army of Yugoslavia.

One "Free Yugoslavia" radio report of Dec. 2nd follows:

The Constituent Assembly of the Anti-Fascist Council (Vece) of People's Liberation of Yugoslavia met in session Nov. 26 and 27 on liberated territory in the old Bosnian town of Bihać. The session was attended by 53 delegates from Serbia, Montenegro, Sandjak, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and other parts of Yugoslavia.

There were prominent political and social leaders representing various parties; senators, clergymen, deputies,

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#### I'm for Axis Victory-Franco

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

In a speech to his newly-appointed Falangist National Council yesterday, General Franco made no bones about the fact that under his bloody rule, Spain remains firmly bound to the Axis.

"We don't belong to a world of our own as distinct from that of Europe," Franco said, obviously associating himself with Hitler's "New Order."

"The world of liberalism is disappearing," he continued, and then, further emphasizing

## Allies on Defensive in Tunisia By a Veteran Commander

The developments of the "battle of the triangle"—Djedida-Mateur-Tebourba—show that the Allies are definitely on the defensive. It is possible that General Anderson, as Major Eliot suggests, engaged only a covering force at first. If this is so, then the general made a mistake, because a powerful blow between Bizerte and Tunis should have been struck right off the bat in order to prevent the Axis from reinforcing its army in Tunisia and organizing its defenses.

It would seem that an inexplicable delay has taken place both on the western and eastern fronts in Africa. None of the operations which were heralded during the first days—a march to the sea between Sfax and Gabes, the cutting of the communications between Tunis and Bizerte and, finally, the march of the Free French from Lake Chad to Tripoli—actually materialized.

Such as the situation is today, the Tunisian operation has been delayed and a decision is not yet in sight, to say nothing of future offensive action against the continent of Europe.

German resistance on the Eastern Front is growing, but in spite of that the Red Army continues to forge ahead slowly, but surely. It is quite clear that the Germans, far from having turned "westward" are concentrating their main forces in the East and are going to fight for every inch of ground. All this talk of some "experts" about "a new German strategic retreat" is so much poppy-

cock. The great slugging match is on, as one can judge by the heavy losses being suffered by the Germans every day (which means that the Soviet troops are also suffering heavy losses.)

The Red Army has injected its thrusts into the thick of the German fortified zones, especially at Stalingrad and west of Moscow. Now the spearheads of these thrusts are conducting a sort of "corroding action" inside the zone. Its effects will not be patently apparent for some time, just as the corroding action of an acid on metal does not show when the acid is introduced into a cavity of the metal.

The Red Army is now corroding the web defenses around Kotelnikov, west of Stalingrad, around Rzhev and in the area of Velikye Luki. Nothing spectacular is likely to happen for some time. The spectacular and important thing is the number of German men killed, tanks and guns destroyed, day after day and every day. This is what counts at this time. But this is being done in anonymous places, places that often are not even to be found on the map. So don't wait for big headlines from the Eastern Front yet. Have patience. The job is being done thoroughly and well.

The RAF and the USAAF have bombed heavily the railroad centers of Karlsruhe and Pforzheim. These are important links in the communications between Germany and Italy.

There is nothing of importance to report from the other fronts.

## Yugoslav Liberation Group Holds Constituent Assembly

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workers, peasants and representatives of the women's anti-fascist front.

The meeting had a very festive character. In spite of the severe cold thousands of people came to greet the heroic people's representatives who resolutely rose up to battle against bloody fascism and its henchmen.

In two days of fruitful work the Constituent Assembly adopted a resolution and appeal to the people, and elected an executive committee of ten with a chairman, plus three vice-chairmen of various nationalities.

Ivan Rybar, elected chairman of the Vce, is a prominent political leader in Yugoslavia. A lawyer by profession, he had a law office in Djakow, Croatia, and has been a member of the Independent Democratic Party (whose leader was Svetozar Pribicevich) since 1920.

The Bihać Constituent Assembly sent telegrams of greeting to Stalin, the heroic defenders of Stalingrad, the high command of the Peoples Liberation Army of Yugoslavia, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

### MESSAGE OF UNITY

The telegram to the high command of the Peoples Liberation Army and guerrilla detachments of Yugoslavia reads:

"In the name of the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-fascist Vce of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia, held in liberated Bihać, we send to you, the wise leadership of the armed liberation struggle of our peoples, and through you, to all the men, commanders and political commissars of our heroic Peoples Liberation Army, our ardent greetings.

"We deem it our duty before our people and the whole world once again to clearly express our appreciation and gratitude to the high command of your army, which under the leadership of its commander, Tito, has for 18 months been successfully waging the liberation war."

"The Anti-fascist Vce of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia, as the nationwide organization of the anti-fascist front of the peoples in the present great struggle, will do everything to help the high command and our heroic army to strengthen the unity of all our forces, the unity of the front and rear, to speed the final victory of our peoples over the hated enemy—the occupationists and their Chetnik and Ustasi lackeys.

"Death to fascism! Freedom to the people!"

**GREET STALINGRAD HEROES**

Signed on behalf of the Presidium of the Anti-fascist Vce of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia by Ivan Rybar.

The telegram to the heroic defenders of Stalingrad reads:

"In the name of the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-fascist Vce of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia, which met in session in the liberated city of Bihać, the representatives of our country send to you, the splendid heroes of the invincible Red Army and the defenders of the great city of Stalin, their ardent fraternal greetings.

"The example of your struggle and your heroism has shown to the peoples the way to victory, has debunked all the legends about the 'invincibility' of the German troops and has been and is inspiring the men, commanders and political instructors of our heroic Peoples Liberation Army and of all the patriots of Yugoslavia to military exploits, to new sacrifices, and efforts for victory over the common enemy, bloody fascism and its associates.

"Long live the brave defenders of Stalingrad! Freedom to the people!"

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## FDR, Stalin, Churchill Greeted by Yugoslavs

**Exclusive** MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—The first nationwide Constituent Assembly in Yugoslavia, meeting in the newly-liberated Bosnian town of Bihać, Nov. 26 and 27, sent greetings to Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill, radio "Free Yugoslavia" reported. The telegram to President Roosevelt reads:

"On behalf of the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-fascist Council of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia, we send greetings to your esteemed honor and to the allied people of the United States.

"You may rely on the peoples of our country to continue the struggle together with all the freedom-loving peoples of the world to the final victory over hated Hitlerism and its associates. Death to fascism! Freedom to the people!"

The telegram to the chairman of the State Defense Committee of the U.S.S.R., Joseph Stalin, reads:

"The first greetings from the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-Fascist Council of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia go to you, the great soldier and organizer of the victories of the freedom-loving peoples over fascism.

"By founding the Anti-Fascist Council of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia, the peoples of our country have again clearly demonstrated their unswerving will and determination to fight shoulder to shoulder with the peoples of the Soviet Union until complete victory is won over the common enemy."

"An unbreakable brotherhood in arms has been formed in the present struggle between the peoples of Yugoslavia and the great Soviet people. No one can ever break our unity. Death to fascism! Freedom to the people!"

The telegram to the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill, reads:

"On behalf of the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-Fascist Council of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia we send greetings to your esteemed honor and the allied British people. The peoples of our country will continue to fight together with all the freedom-loving peoples of the world until final victory over hated Hitlerism and its associates. Death to fascism! Freedom to the people!"

All three messages were signed on behalf of the Presidium of the Constituent Assembly of the Anti-Fascist Council of Peoples' Liberation of Yugoslavia by Ivan Rybar.

## Nazi Morale Seen Cracking in Norway

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Morale of German troops in Norway is beginning to crack, says "News of Norway," published by the Royal Norwegian Information Service, Washington, D. C.

Reports of the past week contain the following significant items:

German officers and soldiers have been seen in chains on board south-bound German ships.

**MUTINIES GROW** German firing squads are refusing to shoot comrades charged with mutiny. At Narvik, a firing squad which refused to shoot at mutineers was lined up with the others for execution, but the second firing squad refused to shoot. All were then sent southward.

Troops being transferred from Norway to the Eastern Front have suffered a sharp decline in morale when they discovered where they were going.

Eleven German officers and seven soldiers deserted Saturday as their Germany-bound train was passing Halden. One officer injured himself so badly in the leap from the moving train that he could not run and was shot down.

The deserters, according to Göteborgs Tidningen, Swedish newspaper which reported the incident, said they were trying to reach Sweden, with German border patrols trying to prevent them. The paper added that the Norwegian

## Axis Bosnia Losses High

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Yugoslav guerrilla armies are continuing their heavy fighting in central and northern Bosnia, radio "Free Yugoslavia" reports according to Intercontinent News.

The north Bosnian town of Bosanka-Novl, and the central Bosnian town of Jace and Travnik are the scenes of street fighting, according to the communiques of Dec. 2 through Dec. 4.

In Jace, the enemy lost 200 dead and many wounded on Dec. 2. Of the German column sent to reinforce the local garrison, the guerrillas killed 120 soldiers and officers. Some 65 were taken prisoner.

The guerrillas destroyed three tanks, two armored cars, two trucks and captured many trophies, which are now being counted.

100 NAZIS OUT

At Bosanka-Novl, where street fighting has also been in progress, with the Germans holding the center of the town and the second Krais guerrilla brigade occupying other sections, 100 German soldiers were wiped out in bayonet fighting.

The guerrillas have thus far captured some 100 heavy machine guns, about 1,000 rifles, nine 105 mm howitzers and two Alpine guns plus a large number of light machine guns.

Some 1,000 enemy soldiers have been killed in the prolonged battle, and 800 enemy soldiers and officers taken prisoner.

In central Bosnia, the town of Bosanka-Grahowo was occupied. The Italian and Chetnik troops were forced to withdraw toward the Dalmatian town of Knin. The ninth Like division is following in pursuit.

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**China Relief Drive Passes \$6,000,000 Mark**

The United China Relief drive for funds has passed the six million mark, Paul G. Hoffman, national chairman, announces. Total funds received, according to Mr. Hoffman, are \$6,040,862, of which \$5,861,619 has been received by national headquarters or participating agencies, and \$179,243 is in the hands of local committees; in process of transmittal to headquarters.

At least \$1,000,000 more must be raised in the next four weeks to reach United China Relief's 1942 objective of \$7,000,000, Mr. Hoffman pointed out.

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Ira Wallach, Circulation Manager

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## Canada Grants Union Rights in Gov't Plants

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—As a result of Canadian labor's demands, the Federal government of Ottawa today issued an Order-in-Council (executive order) giving workers in government-owned plants the right to bargain collectively, Allied Labor News reports.

The Order has been promised since September. The government's delay, and its persistent refusal to recognize unions in government plants, had led to an extremely serious situation in Canada's war production centers. Matters had come to a head, at the important Toronto Small Arms plant, where the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) has a majority of the 4,000 workers, and at Toronto Research Enterprises, Ltd., organized by the United Steelworkers of America (CIO).

As evidence of the serious consequences of the government's failure to adopt an over-all policy not only in government plants, but in all industry, union spokesman point to a five-day strike, ended Monday, of 14,000 workers at the Ford plant in Windsor, Ontario.

The Ford workers, members of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), went on strike with some degree of spontaneity when, after months of uncertainty on the issue of "equal pay for equal work," the company introduced women to production jobs, paying them in some cases only half of men's rates.

The union, which has constantly urged the hiring of more women in war industry, was unable to keep the workers from striking in protest against this undermining of wage rates.

The workers were back on the job Monday, with the company agreeing to clear up the matter of equal pay with the union.

The tension which precipitated the Ford strike is general in many vital industries.

## National Liberty Front Formed in Belgium

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—Peasant anti-fascist committees, which carry on a varied struggle against the Hitlerites, exist in numerous districts of Belgium, Intercontinent News reports.

Liberal, Catholic, Socialist and war veteran organizations have united in a "National Front for Liberty" on a program of struggle for national liberation.

### Her Union Son Died



Mrs. Thomas Lennon, whose son Thomas Lennon died in action, attending the memorial services held for him at Columbus Circle Monday by the Front Service Employees Union, Local 144, AFL, of which he was a member.

—Daily Worker Photo.

## When Defeat Nears Mussolini Whines

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (ICN).—

Commenting on Mussolini's latest speech, I. Bachelis writes in *Izvestia*:

For 18 months Mussolini was silent. As long as Italy warred against Greece and Yugoslavia, Mussolini was loquacious. But as soon as Italy embarked on a war against

the USSR Mussolini became tongue-tied.

But the time came when Mussolini could keep silent no longer. First of all Mussolini had to reckon up certain losses as a result of bombings on the sea and at the front. Mussolini's figures reveal the reasons for his speech. The Italians are worn down by the blood-letting, by the bombardments, by starvation, by their "friendship" with Germany, by the war.

The work of the Northwest Drug factor availed a major smallpox epidemic in this area.

In Shensi where the drug factory is located, the area is rich in medicinal herbs, and the factory's Department of Chinese Medicine is producing 200 medicines based on native products. Many of the native herbs commonly used by herb doctors have been found to have the healing and corrective qualities claimed for them by these traditional medical men of China.

MOST REASSURING

Mussolini "reassured" the Italians: "Russia's might was not a surprise to me, with the exception of what I would call its qualitative aspect."

It appears that this "qualitative" burst, Mussolini took everything into account "except" that the Italian people would be routed.

Mussolini could not refrain from boasting about his foresight. It appears that he, the "Duce," knew in advance all about the landing and offensive of the Anglo-American troops in Africa. You see, the Italian command "considered in advance" which Italian division was to fight and which to surrender. Everything moved according to plan. The Italian people have no need to be reassured.

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# Reaction-As-Usual Had A Holiday at the NAM

By Milton Howard

The recent convention of the National Association of Manufacturers was not quite like any of its previous annual meetings.

In the past the NAM convention consisted of the usual bellyaching against trade unions, against income taxes, against taxes on profits, and generally against any kind of Government regulation of economic life.

This year, the NAM convention was something else again. An examination of its main speeches, its dominant atmosphere, and its adopted platform can only lead to the conclusion that in the top groups of the NAM there is concentrated a clique so violently anti-labor and anti-New Deal that it has become anti-victory.

## ANTI-VICTORY CLIQUE

This clique, headed by such NAM leaders as Lamont duPont of Delaware, General Robert E. Wood of Chicago, C. M. Chester of General Foods, and William M. Rand of Massachusetts, has so violent a hatred of progressive and labor movements in general that it cannot see the Nazi menace to the United States.

The NAM meeting was used as a sounding-board and a rallying center for that section of industrialists who refuse to subordinate their private class interests to the over-all task of preserving the United States as an independent nation. The spirit of the Laval-minded French capitalists, who were more fearful of French democracy than of conquest by Nazi Germany, was noticeable in the speeches of certain NAM speakers.

The NAM considered two main topics: domestic war economy, and foreign policy. On both of these, it took a position of extreme reaction and of stubborn opposition to the victory and unity program of the nation as a whole.

On domestic policies, the NAM took its leadership from the speeches of Wilfred Sykes, president of Inland Steel; Professor Harley Lutz of Princeton University; Raymond Smethurst, counsel for the NAM; Herbert Hoover, chief of the negotiations peace wing of the Republican Party; J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Company; and C. M. Chester of General Foods Corporation.

On foreign policy, the NAM took its line from the violently isolationist, anti-United Nations views expressed by the retiring NAM president, W. P. Withrow and by the Republican Congressman from St. Paul, Minnesota, Rep. Melvin Maas.

The NAM convention listened to speeches by such government representatives as Secretary Knox, Paul McNutt, Leon Henderson and Donald Nelson, all of whom urged that the NAM drop its previous views which prevented its integration in an all-out war economy.

But no leading member of the NAM rose to second the Government spokesmen's position.

## HOSTILITY TO GOVT

Instead of the outlook of national unity, in which the industrialists collaborate with the Government and with Labor for maximum war output, Mr. C. M. Chester, a NAM leader called for intensified opposition to the Government. He gave this view:

"Frankly, the battle for the preservation of America as land of opportunity inevitably must continue until one side or the other is routed."

This type of industrialist views internal warfare against the Government's war effort as more necessary than the unity of the country against the Axis.

The need for new class relationships between the working class and the industrialists, based on the need to crush Nazi Germany and its allies, is recognized by leading spokesmen of the American bourgeoisie.

For example, the president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Eric A. Johnston, an authoritative spokesman for the pro-victory industrialists, appealed immediately after the NAM convention for "even closer teamwork between management and labor."

This view goes in a different direction from Mr. Chester's demand that industry wage an internal warfare against the Government "until one side or the other is routed."

Despite the successful experience of the Labor-Management Committees, and the public tribute which Donald Nelson paid to these committees for increasing output, the NAM spokesman Raymond S. Smethurst summarily denounced the idea of any collaboration with labor whatsoever. With horror in his voice, and with complete disregard of the necessities of war production, he warned:

"This campaign (by the trade unions) goes hand-in-hand with demands for greater participation in Government administration and policy-making. New demands have been formulated for industry-wide collective bargaining, for the arbitration of all grievances, and for union participation in the determination of production policies."

That precisely these developments of labor-management collaboration had produced the greatest increase in war supplies made no difference to this NAM counsellor. He was ready to sacrifice America's increased war production to his unyielding hatred of any development of a trade union movement, the

## RWR Asks for Volunteers in Tag Day Drive

## NAM BOOSTER



HERBERT HOOVER

very basis of efficient and democratic prosecution of the war.

The NAM clashed with the Government directly on the matter of so-called "strike obstacles to output." It was the intention of NAM spokesman Wilfred Sykes and W. P. Withrow to continue the false impression that there was a need for the Government to crack down on the trade unions as being responsible for a "strike wave."

Sykes also demanded that the Government seize on the war crisis as a good time to abolish or nullify the Wagner Labor Act providing for collective bargaining.

But the chairman of the War Labor Board, Mr. W. H. Davis, showed that Withrow's claim of "a 700 per cent increase in strikes since Pearl Harbor" was utterly false; he showed that American labor has practically unanimously kept the no-strike pledge, despite intense provocations by such reaction-as-usual industrialists as Mr. Withrow.

Man-hours lost to war production by strikes have amounted to less than seven-one hundredths of one per cent since the war declaration in December.

Mr. Sykes persisted in branding American Youth for a Free World, set up on Sept. 26 as a clearing house for youth activities and information. It co-ordinates the work of youth groups in America, and contacts youth in foreign countries.

**WOULD SABOTAGE MORALE**

On the one hand, the NAM spokesmen, like Sykes, brutally demanded that the Government launch a war against labor; on the other hand, they insisted that all machinery for the adjustment of labor grievances be junked. They denounce non-existent strikes; but they do their best to create intolerable conditions for patriotic labor in our industry.

Sykes demanded that all War Labor Board decisions be subject to year-long reviews in Federal courts. The net result of the NAM-Sykes program toward labor would be a tremendous reduction in war production as a result of strife, friction, damaged morale, and unsolved grievances.

Mr. J. Howard Pew, Sun Oil magnate, tried to find a "compromise" position toward war economy by saying that the NAM ought to accept only the "absolutely necessary restrictions" while refusing to accept the war economy in "vast areas where initiative be given free play."

Thus, even the nation's war survival is viewed as a half-and-half matter, with war production only on the edges somewhere.

Mr. Pew went so far as to oppose the pooling of vitally needed machinery and patents, even though such pooling increases war output enormously.

**NELSON'S PLEA**

As against these obviously obstructive views of this group of reaction-as-usual industrialists, Donald Nelson came before them to fight for the patriotic view of win-the-war industry.

To the chagrin of the NAM leaders, and perhaps to the pleasure of some of the more thoughtful of the non-speaking members down in the audience, Nelson showed the logical necessity of all-out Government control over war output. He said:

"We must be absolutely ruthless in our disregard of the conventions established during a competitive economy. . . . In other words, we have got to face the fact that going into a war economy—in the fullest sense of the word—means going into all-out mobilization for war. . . . This talk of all-out mobilization and centralized direction may sound frightening. I do not think it should."

Herbert Hoover and his conferees heard this voice of a patriotic industrialist in cold silence. They oppose it fanatically because they have a different view of the war and the kind of world they would like to see.

What are these views? We shall see tomorrow.

## 'Save Negro' Pleas Swamp Carolina Gov.

Twenty-five thousand persons will be needed for a three day street coin-box solicitation for Russian War Relief, Inc., which will terminate the month-long "Thanks to Russia Month" campaign for medical and relief aid to Russia. The solicitation will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17, 18 and 19. More than 2,000 organizations are participating in the collection. Famous stars of the stage, radio and screen will also do their bit for Russia on the streets of Gotham; among them Benny Goodman, Pat Peardon, Zero Mostel, Morris Carnovsky, Canada Lee and Lynn Fontanne.

Persons wishing to volunteer their services during any or all of those three days are asked to get in touch with their union or organization, or with Russian War Relief, Inc., 11 East 35th St., New York City. The telephone is MUrray Hill 6-3203.

Vice-Air Marshal MacNeece Foster, of the British Royal Air Force delegation in Washington, will speak at an "Industries Dinner" for Russian War Relief at 6:30 P. M. on Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Patricia Peardon, star of "Junior Miss," heads a list of Broadway and night-club entertainers, including singer Laura Duncan and guitarist Richard Dwyer Bennett, who will appear at the opening of a four-day combination bazaar-carnival for the benefit of Russian War Relief at 6:00 P. M. on Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Hunts Point Palace, 163rd St. and South-ern Blvd.

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The Federation is circularizing its affiliates and unions with a history of the Wellman case and an appeal that they send telegrams and letters to Broughton.

The case against Wellman is based on identification by two women, but his employer's records and the testimony of his fellow workers and foremen prove Wellman was working on a Virginia construction job 400 miles away when the woman was attacked in Statesville, N. C.

The Federation also points out that Wellman was tried without being permitted to call his own witnesses.

Wellman was originally scheduled to the Nov. 22 b u t Broughton granted a postponement until Dec. 18 when demands for further investigation of the case were made by unions and other organizations, including the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

**RATIONING A BOON**

The young clerical worker was as much relieved as other women when coffee rationing was officially begun. Immediately afterwards, coffee lines disappeared. Women who needed coffee got the share that was coming them without pushing, shoving and arguments.

"Women were staying away from the ballot because they had to stand in line to buy coffee," she asserted. "What a shame and waste. Not only is time wasted but the war is at stake."

**RELEASE 40,000 VACUUM CLEANERS FOR MARKET**

Release of additional 40,000 domestic vacuum cleaners frozen in the hands of manufacturers and private brand sellers since Oct. 24, was announced today by the Consumers' Durables Goods Division.

The cleaners, which now become available for sale to the general public, are in addition to those released from stocks of retailers and wholesale distributors on Nov. 21.

**Four Youths Sentenced in Rape Case**

Judge John J. Sullivan in the Court of General Sessions, Part 5, yesterday passed sentence on the four Negro youths recently convicted in the Harlem "rootop rape and assault" case.

Judge Sullivan sentenced William Brown, 20, of 88 W. 134th St., to Sing Sing for from five to 15 years for "rape."

Stanley Adams, Thomas Mitchell and George Barrett, the other convicted youths, all under 20, were sentenced by Judge Sullivan to Elmira Reformatory, from which they may be paroled after 14 months. They will be subject to parole supervision, however, for a period of 18 years and seven months.

Brown was the only defendant when Ann Coleman, the complainant, definitely identified as among her attackers on a Harlem rooftop and assault" case.

Local organizations will be urged to observe National Youth for Freedom Week, Feb. 12-22 as has been called by American Youth for a Free World, according to Frances Damon, Executive Secretary. Plans for the meeting were made at the Commodore Hotel on Dec. 6.

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**SECURITY CARPET**

JUDGE JOHN J. SULLIVAN

Four Youths Sentenced in Rape Case

## Children Almost Paid With Lives for Harlem's Lack of Child Care



## Do We Need Child Care?—Read This

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who have to leave their children under makeshift supervision, or none at all, while they go out to do the work that is necessary for victory.

For their children keeps mothers from going to work in war plants where they are needed. The same fear haunts mothers who are working, keeping them from giving their best effort to their jobs.

Clifford Haley, shop chairman of United Electrical, Radio and Machine workers, CIO, in the Liquometer plant, told the Daily Worker that the child-care problem there is "deperate."

"We can't wait," he said. "Our need is right now. The unions have got to start something."

### UNION TAKES STEPS

A move has been made in the shop, he said, as a temporary expedient, to have the women workers on different shifts mind each other's children in some place near the plant, on a volunteer basis.

"But we don't have a place—we have no funds," he added, going on to say that child-care is now "one of the biggest problems in war industry," and must be solved in a national scale.

Mrs. Woodruff told the Daily Worker last night that without Mrs. Clay's help, she would have had to give up her job, since there's only one nursery within reach and that's overcrowded. She couldn't afford a nurse for the children. Since the fire, she's been staying with her aunt in an already crowded apartment at 282 Manhattan Ave. The aunt looks after the children.

In addition to the two Woodruff youngsters, Mrs. Clay has been minding a dozen other war-workers

kids in the block, ranging in age from 1 to 6, she told the Daily Worker.

### MINDING CHILDREN'

It isn't a business, she explained. "The mothers just come and put the kids on me. They haven't a place to leave them." Mothers either bring the children's lunches or pay a small sum. "It's my way work," said Mrs. Clay.

Other women in the block are also "taking in children," according to Mrs. Clay. Yet many little ones, from the age of four or five up, run the streets "with keys on them."

There was a nine-month-old baby up the block a couple of months ago, she said, whose mother had to leave her in the crib and go to work. A neighbor heard the infant crying and climbed in through the fire escape to feed it.

Mrs. Clay wants a nursery in that block, so she won't have to mind the babies to keep them safe. She and Mrs. Woodruff have both circulated petitions of the Committee for the Care of Young Children in War-time. "We've been struggling for a nursery since May."

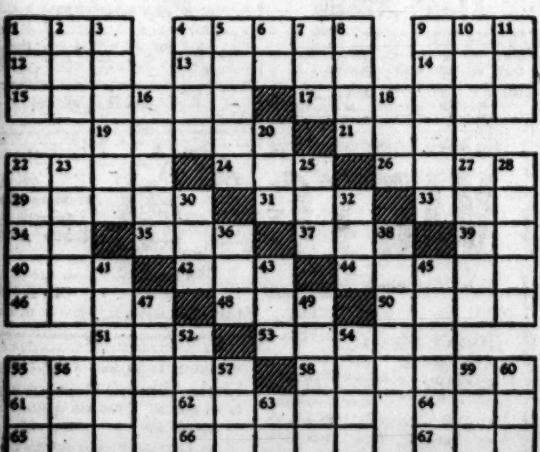
The mothers of the neighborhood have even raised the money, penny by penny, to pay a month's rent for a child-care center of their own. But they haven't been able to find an apartment yet that will satisfy requirements of the Board of Health. Such a place doesn't seem to exist on their block.

### Furriers Meet

Four locals of the Furriers Joint Council will hold membership meetings today and tomorrow to discuss the war activities program of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO.

### Daily Crossword Puzzle

(Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- 1 To make a border
- 3 More capable
- 5 A poem
- 12 A worried of time
- 13 A large genus of South American prickly herbs
- 14 To fasten
- 15 Form of ceremony
- 17 Correlative of
- 19 Woody plants
- 21 Signifying maiden name
- 22 Sediment
- 24 To cry
- 26 Greek god of war
- 28 Having hearing
- 31 Man's nickname
- 32 To observe
- 34 By
- 35 To plant
- 37 A river island
- 39 Egyptian sun god
- 40 To catch
- 42 To bring forth (Sect.)
- 44 To track
- 46 Not fast
- 48 A measure of length
- 50 Mimics
- 51 Large tub
- 53 A genus of palms
- 55 Sounds
- 56 Vase having foot or pedestal
- 58 Builds
- 61 Vase having foot or pedestal
- 62 Article of furniture (pl.)
- 64 Garden tool
- 65 Golfer's stand
- 66 Implement for turning soil
- 67 Sea eagle
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- 73 A genus of palms
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- 77 Vase having foot or pedestal
- 78 Fastens securely
- 79 Falling moisture
- 80 The remaining persons
- 81 To expire
- 82 Fastens securely
- 83 Female deer
- 84 Glove (var.)
- 85 Armed conflict
- 86 Track
- 87 Oxlike
- 88 Opposed to taboo
- 89 One of an Indian tribe
- 90 Form of "to be"
- 91 Anticipate with horror
- 92 Girl's nickname
- 93 Scottish Gaelic
- 94 Hard-shelled fruit
- 95 Native metallic compound
- 96 To soak
- 97 A rocky pinnacle
- 98 Japanese coin
- 99 Note of scale

**VERTICAL**

- 1 A pronoun form: very
- 2 A combining form: very
- 3 To be of concern
- 4 A fur neck-piece part (pl.)
- 5 Tree trunks
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Compass point
- 8 Falling moisture
- 9 The remaining persons
- 10 To expire
- 11 Ever
- 12 (contr.)
- 13 To work over
- 14 To be
- 15 To be
- 16 Edge on
- 17 Edge on
- 18 A beverage
- 19 To soak
- 20 A drunkard
- 21 Fur neck-piece
- 22 College officials
- 23 Assessment rating amount
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Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

CLOAK	SEAS
RUDDEK	BUNDE
E	ENABLED
ABE	TIRE
MELT	DIN
RBEF	EDDIES
VALB	SELL
BASALT	NEED
DATE	ARC
TRE	SARS
KRD	DRIVE
TERTE	BATEEN
SHOWS	PROG

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### LITTLE LEFTY



## War Job Program For WPA Proposed

A plea that the WPA training and re-employment program, equipping workers with vital war skills while paying them, be the basis for a nation-wide public training program was voiced yesterday.

In New York City alone, the WPA program has provided more than 20,000 men and women to war industries, training them with the needed skills for production.

Welders, mechanics, assemblers and draftsmen have been trained through this program.

For example, a group of women from home relief rolls and WPA were trained as welders on stainless steel in three weeks and immediately placed on jobs. The direction of the type of training comes from the WPA's cooperation with the War Manpower Commission. All home relief workers are placed on WPA if they qualify for the training program.

The training division, headed by Richard Mueser, points out that "a beginner or apprentice who has been trained in the state or city vocational schools is expected to save from five to ten weeks of necessary shop training in the use of tools required for war production work."

It is this valuable saving which has earned the praise of many firms for the training program. The Federal Works Employers' Union points out that training on the scale necessary requires that the WPA principle of pay while learning is essential to equip the necessary number of skilled workers for war production.

### Act Now on Child Care!

#### AN EDITORIAL

COHESIVE PROGRAM

Unlike the United States Employment Service, which merely refers people to the existing city training schools, the WPA checks the qualifications, directs the students and follows through until the trained workers are contributing their efforts for war production.

Today, an additional 2,000 of these workers are being trained, to join the soldiers of production. When the WPA is abolished, the program will be abolished with it, although it is expected that the 2,000 now in school will be able to finish their training.

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## Willow Run Finally Gets Under Way



These workers at the Ford Willow Run bomber plant know their job. Already they have cut 52½ hours from the time required to build the complicated center wing section of the B-24 bomber. The number of hours required for the job and the new record have been eliminated from the photo for censorship reasons.

## Defeatists Ask Bill to Silence Victory Forces

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was actually directed not against isolationism of anti-administration members, but against anyone that opposed Communism."

Hoffman named several of those he wanted to investigate. They included the Union for Democratic Action, the New Republic, the Washington Post, U. S. Attorney William P. Maloney and Earl Browder.

Hoffman also indirectly defended the various publications found to be seditious by Grand Jury investigation.

He called for immediate passage of his resolution. He was seconded by the notorious Rankin of Mississippi. One of those who applauded Rankin was Representative Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, who is sponsoring the anti-administration Walter-Logan Bill.

### RESOLUTION PENDING

The Hoffman resolution is pending in the Rules Committee. Cox undoubtedly could get the resolution reported out now except for the fortunate fact that the committee does not have a quorum present. Observers feel that if the resolution is not brought to the floor this session, it will be reintroduced in January by a Southern Democrat.

Hoffman was asked by pro-labor Representative Frank Hock of Michigan whether he had lost faith in the Dies Committee. Hoffman's reply is noteworthy:

"... You have criticized (the Dies Committee) so often and so much that its critics have taken courage and they (the Dies Committee) now have too big a job on their hands to handle all this."

Martin Dies, however, may be hostile to this resolution on purely jurisdictional grounds.

## Tom Mooney--Labor Carries On the Fight

Tom Mooney, famous labor martyr, would have been 60 years old yesterday if his life had not been cut short last year as the result of his sufferings in prison.

Tom was born in a miner's cabin in Indiana, where the family went hungry often as his Irish father fought to build the miner's union. Tom became a union iron molder and led many struggles for many groups of workers till he tackled the open shop transit interests of San Francisco in 1915 and 1916.

Tom was framed for that campaign. Company detectives and a crooked district attorney got false witnesses to testify he set the bomb that killed 11 people during a Preparedness Day Parade in 1916.

### WHOLE WORLD FOUGHT

Faithless witnesses began confessing their perjury after he was convicted. The judge, who sentenced him to death admitted Tom was an innocent man. But Tom's life was saved--he sentenced commuted

only as a result of a campaign that swept round the world from San Francisco to Petrograd. That campaign was led by Tom's comrade, Robert Minor, now a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

### Arraign Coffee Truck Hi-Jacker

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 8 (UP).--Thomas Cantaldo, 28, of 823 Union St., Brooklyn, was arraigned today on a charge of kidnapping and robbery in connection with the hijacking of a truckload of coffee valued at \$5,000.

The truck driver, Frank Borowy, of 297 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, told police five men held him up in Jersey City on Nov. 25, took him to Long Island City, Queens, emptied the truck of its coffee and left him bound and gagged, where he left off.

TOM MOONEY

### Left-Overs into New Dishes

Actually, if everyone of America's thirty-five million families throws away just one cup of food a day the total would run into real tonnage. Eight thousand tons or about 200 freight cars full of food would be wasted every day. This is tonnage we cannot afford to lose, because it is needed in our total war effort.

Watching food waste is a real job in war-work for homemakers. The task starts at the grocery store or on the farm, if you produce your own food. It runs directly through the kitchen onto the dinner table, and beyond--to the use you make of any food left after the meal is served.

Save food as soon as possible after cooking.

Store left-over food immediately after the meal, with an eye upon its quick future use; small portions of food have an uncanny habit of hiding in the refrigerator. Remember that cooked meat needs the same storage as uncooked. Cover it lightly with waxed paper before putting into the refrigerator. Vegetables should always be covered before putting into the refrigerator.

For a good soup that will add the nutritive value of extra milk to the meal and use left-over vegetables, make a vegetable milk chowder. Chop left-over vegetables, season with celery salt, onion juice minced parsley or other seasonings, heat in the liquid in

which the vegetables were cooked or a little water. Add fresh or evaporated milk, bring just to the boiling point, and serve topped with a dash of paprika, minced parsley or a few chopped scallions.

### DON'T WASTE FOOD!

needed by our entire nation working to win the war.

Store perishable foods in the refrigerator or a cold place, as soon as you get home.

When you cook your food . . . save vitamin values . . . don't drown your vegetables in a lot of water then pour off the valuable vitamin-filled liquid down the drain . . . put vegetables on in a small amount of rapidly boiling water . . . cook quickly until just tender . . . save the liquid left to use in soups, sauces, gravies. Cook meat at a low temperature to save shrinkage.

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SHARE-THE-MEAT DINNER  
Vegetable Milk Chowder  
Enriched Bread Butter  
Meat and Sweet Potato Casserole  
Cole Slaw  
Fruit Salad Dessert Peanut Cookies  
Milk

## Mine District Takes Action On Autonomy

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 8--The Tri-District Mine Board of the United Mine Workers, composed of all the locals of District 7 and many of District 9, decided at a Sunday conference here to take action to obtain autonomy for District 7.

Each of the 22 locals of District 7 is to pass a resolution at their meetings within the coming two weeks requesting the General Executive Board of the UMWA to grant autonomy. The delegates will then report back to a meeting of the Tri-District Board on Sunday, Dec. 20. The next steps in the campaign to restore to the district the democratic right to elect their own officers will then be taken.

District 7 is the UMWA affiliate that ousted the machine of President John L. Lewis more than a year ago. In reprisal Lewis forced out all officials and set up provisional officers.

## Will Avenge Crimes Against Jews-FDR

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dent "once again to warn the Nazis that they will be held to strict accountability for their crimes."

The President assured that this would be done.

Dr. Wise said that the President told the delegation:

"We are doing everything possible to ascertain who are personally guilty."

The President was also said to have recalled an earlier statement he made to the effect that the American people "will hold the perpetrators of these crimes to strict accountability in a day of reckoning which will surely come."

Contained in the memorandum

was a summary of the situation in each Nazi-occupied country compiled on the basis of documents made available by the State Department. Part of this summary follows:

Germany: of 200,000 Jews in Germany in 1939, mass deportations, suicides and starvation have reduced their number to 40,000.

Austria: of 75,000 Jews in Austria at the outbreak of the war, no more than 12,000 to 15,000 remain.

Bohemia and Moravia: of the 80,000 in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, 15,000 Jews remain. The remainder have been deported to eastern Europe.

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Yugoslavia: in Yugoslavia, where some 100,000 Jews lived, 400 escaped to Italy and the remainder were deported, killed or imprisoned in labor camps.

Greece: of the 78,000 Jews in Greece, all Jews of the ages of 14-45 have been drafted for slave labor.

France: of the 340,000 Jews have al-

ready been deported.

Romania: not more than 270,000 Jews are left of the 900,000 who lived in Rumania proper in 1939.

Bulgaria: in Bulgaria, where 50,000 Jews have lived, 8,500 of them are already engaged in slave labor and the remaining threatened with deportation and forced labor.

70,000 DEPORTED

Lithuania: in Latvia, where 100,000 Jews formerly lived, all Jews were segregated in ghettos. In the city of Riga, where formerly 32,000 Jews lived, 15,000 were immediately registered for slave labor. Subsequently, all Jews between the ages of 15-60, 5,000 Jews remain in Brussels and 3,000 in Antwerp, of the 85,000 who resided in Belgium at the beginning of the war in 1940.

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Greece: of the 78,000 Jews in Greece, all Jews of the ages of 14-45 have been drafted for slave labor.

France: of the 340,000 Jews have al-

ready been deported.

Romania: not more than 270,000 Jews are left of the 900,000 who lived in Rumania proper in 1939.

Bulgaria: in Bulgaria, where 50,000 Jews have lived, 8,500 of them are already engaged in slave labor and the remaining threatened with deportation and forced labor.

70,000 DEPORTED

Lithuania: reports have it that the Jews of Lithuania numbering some 150,000 at the outbreak of the war suffered the same fate as the Latvian Jews.

Batista Leaves Cuba For Visit to States

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 8 (UP).--President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba left by plane today for Washington where he will be the guest of President Roosevelt.

SHARE-THE-MEAT DINNER  
Vegetable Milk Chowder  
Enriched Bread Butter  
Meat and Sweet Potato Casserole  
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## Sizing Up the Hoop Teams:

**Brooklyn Shapes Up As Strong Quintet**

By Bill Mardo

Little Brooklyn College is threatening to become "Mr. Big" of the metropolitan basketball teams. When they take to the floor at Kingston this Saturday, against Rhode Island, the Kingsmen will be seeking their sixth successive win. Coach Artie Muscian's lads have been displaying high-scoring ability, as their average of 45 points in turning back Fort Hancock, Fort Monmouth, Brooklyn Army Base, Queens and Rider, proves.

The varsity line-up for the Flatbushers consists of Captain Bernie Gussoff, Mel Hirsch, Herb Kapust, Larry Feldman and Phil Farbman. Though not giants, all of these boys, with the exception of Hirsch, are on the tall side.

Hirsch, apparently, isn't built too greatly by his 5 foot 5 1/2 inch dimensions. Mel is the big gun of last year's team, rolling up the best scoring record on the squad. Coach Muscian has been developing Hirsch as a feeder this season, and to give you an idea of the boy's ability, despite his added duties, Mel is right up there again among the high scorers.

Captain Bernie Gussoff, who is showing a lot of fight on the floor, Hirsch and Kapust, are considered the sparkplugs of the Brooklyn quintet. Larry Feldman, who developed into a first rate player, is considered the most improved boy on the outfit. Phil Farbman is the only non-senior on the varsity

squad, and is credited with possessing a large repertoire of shots.

The Kingsmen are "three-deep" in reserves. Mort Pauker, who played a lot of ball last season, is a capable 6 ft. 3 in. hooper whose height can be used to good advantage under the basket.

Center on last year's junior varsity, Tommy Tuvin, who is an inch taller than Pauker, is a youngster who is being brought along carefully by Coach Muscian. The Brooklyn hook men like Tuvin's ability.

Stan Eksowitz and Bob Ochshorn will probably see a lot of duty this season. Eksowitz played in the Garden last year when Brooklyn setback Westminster, and Ochshorn is a speedy kid who used to star for Thomas Jefferson High School.

The Kingsmen's "5" is going to be heard from frequently before the season lets out. They have size, speed, shooting ability and savvy. We think that a lot of the bigger, more publicized quintets are going to have their hands full with the capable gamblers from across the

**Nova 'On-the-Spot' Friday Against Tami**

By Ted Buckley

Lou Nova is very definitely "on the spot" this Friday night when he tangles with tough Tami Mauriello in a ten-round at the Garden. Lou has gotta win if he wants to make dough in the big city. Beat \$1000 if Lou wins, \$500 if he loses. Lou is no easy job... as practically every fan of the "Bronx Bomber" can testify.

Gone from Nova's stock in trade are the Cosmic Punch, Dynamic Stance and Bodily Arc. The terrible right to the jaw that Joe Louis planted on him has caused a great change in the former "Yogi" man's attitude. From now on, Lou is sticking to the time-proven and logical method of fighting... namely, keeping your dukes up and punching for all your worth.

In his first bout after being koyed by Louis, Nova was

**WHAT'S ON**

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily Worker are 25¢ per line (6 words to 10 lines, then 10¢ additional). **DEADLINE:** Daily at 12 Noon. **Fri.** Sunday, 4 P.M. Wednesday.

**Tonight**

JOSEPH SCHILDKRAUT says: "I have seen 'Conrad, You Dastard' three times and I am still fond of it. It's charming and delightful. It must be seen by everyone. I laughed my head off." Seats 55¢. Cabaret style. Also \$1.10 seats with two seats reserved. Call 5-2500. Special rates to clubs and parties. Genius Club, 111 W. 45th St. 9 P.M. nightly. FOLK DANCE: "The Folks Are Great," folk dance event featuring Anne Agin, and the International Folk Dancer Orchestra, personal Social Dancers, followed by 52 Ethnic Club. **Sat.** Aug. 1: International Folk Dancers. Sub. 55¢. 8 P.M.

JAMES W. FORD speaks on "Africa, as the Key to Victory of the United Nations" tonight at 7, at the Workers School, 35 E. 12th St. Admission free.

**Tomorrow**

BAAZAR AND CARNIVAL for the Red Army in Brownsville. Dec. 10 thru 13. Open to the public. Refreshments, brass band, restaurant, big bargains for Christmas. 128 Watkins St., cor. Pitkin Ave. Aug. 12. 8 P.M. Wednesday.

**Coming**

GYM ROLLING—Party and dance at Newspaper Guild Club, 40 E. 40th St., this Saturday night! Top-notch entertainment. No speeches! Meet your favorite writers and artists! **Mon.** Daily Worker members. **Tues.** Newspaper Guild Service Department. **Adm.** 50¢.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

JAMES S. ALLEN speaks on the United States in the War. A series of four lectures on "Victory." Afternoons, Saturday, Dec. 12. 2:30 P.M. Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. Admission 50¢. **Ausp.** Workers School.

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Would you like an American Flag as a decoration in your home? The Daily Worker will make a special flag set offer within the next few days.

WATCH FOR IT!

**Shortage of Ball Players Looms****Bunk!****There Is NO Shortage of Good Players for the Big Leagues**

By Nat Low

Reproduced above are three clippings from the sports pages of the New York Journal, The Sun and the World-Telegram. They wail about the "shortage" of players for the big leagues, cry about the fact that the brand of baseball for 1942 will be far lower than in previous years, shied tears over the plight of the Yanks, Dodgers and Giants.

This "concern" over the plight of major leagues is nothing but pure, unadulterated bunk and blather.

**THESE IS NO SHORTAGE OF PLAYERS FOR THE MAJOR LEAGUES.**

There is no shortage because all over the country are baseball players who are as good as any of the men now starring in the big leagues. These baseball players are capable of solving the manpower "problem" in one swift moment.

**THESE BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE NEGROES, STARS WHO TIME AND AGAIN HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY ARE THE EQUAL OF THE MEN IN THE BIG LEAGUES.**

All that is needed to end the "shortage" of manpower is the immediate and complete ending of the vicious and stupid policy of Jim Crow that the baseball moguls have followed for too damn many years.

Baseball in time of war has a grave responsibility to the nation. That responsibility, of helping morale in the armed forces and at home, must be lived up to...

**AND THIS CAN ONLY BE LIVED UP TO IF BASEBALL IS CAPABLE OF PUTTING IN THE FIELD TEAMS THAT ARE OF MAJOR LEAGUE CALIBER . . . AND THIS DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE SIGNING OF SUCH GREAT NEGRO STARS AS JOSH GIBSON, BUCK LEONARD, LEON DAY, WILLIE WELLS, SAMMY BANKHEAD AND OTHERS.**

The moguls must be made to understand that the only way out for them is the immediate ending of Jim Crow... To make this possible, the fans, progressive organizations, trade unions and such must flood the offices of the big league owners with letters, wires, phone calls and delegations...

Let the demand sweep the entire country... **KEEP BASEBALL GOING IN 1943 BY SIGNING NEGRO STARS.**

**These Are The Folks To Write To**

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## CHANGE THE WORLD



To Richard Wright, the Pen  
Is a Sacred Weapon in the  
Liberation War of Humanity

By MIKE GOLD

How the censors discovered obscenity in Richard Wright's drama, "Native Son," is a mystery to me and a million others.

I have seen the play, I have read and carefully reviewed the famous novel of Negro oppression from which it was adapted.

Call me stupid and immoral, call me base and blind, if you will! Cast me into jail for obscenity, forgery and mayhem! Snatch me from the stage of public life like any ordinary strip tease queen! I would still swear with my last breath that "Native Son" is not obscene! And the tortures of a modern inquisition could not force me to say otherwise! No, not obscene! My lord, anything but your obscenity!

It is a play that is horrible, if you please—full of the evil and horror of the American lynching tree and social injustice and the smell of burning human flesh. Such a play is an anguished shriek of hate that rises from the tortured Negro mind in America. It is bitterness, revolt and a cry for justice.

But obscene? Then there is a similar obscenity in all the Lamentations of Jeremiah; in the pages of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables"; Maxine Gorky's "My Childhood"; or the "Confessions of Saint Augustine."

Was Dostoevsky obscene in his "Brothers Karamazov" or in the lurid pages of "Crime and Punishment"? Richard Wright is closest in spirit to that Russian madhouse saint, who searched for brotherhood and holiness in the darkest abysses of the mass suffering of Czarist Russia.

In "Crime and Punishment" a young student, penniless and alone, develops Nietzschean theories. Mad with the Nazi logic of the superman, he murders a poor old woman and robs her of a few dollars. Then his crime haunts him, and his humanity returns. He confesses to Sonia the meek prostitute and she advises him to give himself up and to redeem himself through a universal love for all mankind.

A murder, then a liaison with a prostitute, are these not obscene? But in Dostoevsky, how utterly low and cheap and dirty and evil is the mind that would classify this novel with the deliberately pornographic works of a Paul de Kock or a James Branch Cabell.

Men who are in terrible moral travail, whose lives are dedicated to a fevered quest for goodness in human relations, such men simply cannot be obscene. It is not in their character. All their days are bound with one desire—the holy ache for justice.

Tolstoy was such a man, and he could never be obscene, nor could Gorky, Dostoevsky, Romain Rolland, and Henry Thoreau.

Think of Frederick Douglass or Abraham Lincoln. Were they obscene? Remember Mazzini, remember Henri Barbusse, or Ralph Waldo Emerson, or Charles Dickens, or Upton Sinclair.

Richard Wright is an inheritor of the great literary tradition of those writers who felt that the pen was only given to them as a sacred weapon in the endless liberation war of humanity.

Richard Wright is an author who could no more commit an obscenity than could Christ himself in a sermon. To accuse such a dedicated author of obscenity and burlesque queen titillations is low insult like those who spout into the face of the crucified author of the Sermon on the Mount.

We must fight for the right to existence of such plays as "Native Son." I was one of the critics who disagreed with Richard Wright that "Native Son" truly and completely synthesized the Negro rebellion against oppression. Yet, despite such differences as to total import, all of us must unite to defend the play.

The obscenity charge against the play is but a hollow mask covering a filthy political attack against Negro freedom of debate and protest.

The elements that touched off this persecution of "Native Son" are the same clerical fascists who have preached anti-Semitism and Coughlinism; who have hated Roosevelt and aided fascism in Spain and America. This is their way of suppressing the Negro, too. Let us resist the clerical fascists. Let us stop their political obscenities.

## Our Fighting Men Tell Heroic Tales, WJZ, 3:30pm

Listen to our Men on Land, Sea and Air, WJZ, 3:30 P.M. . . . Quizzing the War, WMCA, 8 P.M. . . . National Radio Forum, WJZ, 10:15 P.M. . . . The Man Behind the Gun, WABC, 10:30 P.M.

**MORNING**  
11:00-WMCA—Women at War  
WOR—Quiz Quiz Quiz  
WMCA—Breakfast at Sardi's  
WMCA—Great Classics  
WQXR—Other People's Business  
11:15-WFAB—Vice and Sade  
WMCA—Beatie Beatie Talks for Women  
WNYX—Musical Comedy Memories  
11:30-WFAB—U.S. Army Program  
WFAB—Theater  
WJZ—Blue Bandstand  
WQXR—The Concert Stage  
11:45-WNYC—You and Your Health  
AFN—African Affairs  
12:00-WFAB—News at Noon  
WNYC—Music at Work  
WABC—Sam Smith Speaks  
WQXR—Midday Music  
12:30-WOR—Great News  
1:00-WFAB—Mark Twain McBride, Talks for Women  
WHN—Dick Gilbert Recorded  
DWB—Sports  
WQXR—Lunchtime Symphony  
1:05-WNYC—Wake Up, New York  
1:30-WNYC—Metropolitan Review  
Art Wynn  
WLBC—Great Voices  
1:45-WNYC—Economics in the Headlines  
2:00-WFAB—Women in the Headlines  
WQXR—Chamber Music  
WLBC—Evening Concert  
2:05-WNYC—One More Hit  
4:45-WOR—Mutual Matinee  
WJZ—Hollywood News Girl  
5:00-WNYC—You're It  
WQXR—Your Request Program  
WLBC—U.S. Navy Program  
3:15-WLBC—Chamber Music  
3:30-WNYC—The Century  
WNYX—Science for the Seven Millions  
WZB—Return to Our Men on Land, Sea and Air  
3:45-WNYC—News  
WLBC—Night of Genius  
3:55-WNYC—National Defense News  
4:00-WNYC—Four Strings at 4  
WQXR—Midafternoon Concert  
4:15-WNYC—The Star Parade  
WNYX—NUY Musical Program  
WLBC—This Is Romance  
5:00-WNYC—Theater  
WQXR—Concert Orchestra, Treasury Hour  
WQXR—Edgar Sternberger, the Washington Front  
3:30-WQXR—Great Masters  
WLBC—Music Hall  
5:45-WFAB—From—Pete Farrell  
WJZ—Great City  
WABC—Bet Herbie and All the Lads  
EVING  
6:00-WFAB—Funny Money Man  
WOR—Uncle Don WJZ—News  
WNYC—News Analysis  
WABC—Stamp Club  
WQXR—Music to Remember  
WQXR—Music from the Army Camps  
6:15-WJZ—Sports News, Joe Hassel  
6:30-WFAB—Money Madie  
WQXR—Spotlight on Sport, Bill Stearns  
WJZ—Sports Clinic  
WABC—Keep Singing—Frank Parker  
WHN—News  
WQXR—Concert  
4:45-WNYC—Organ Recital  
WOR—Here's Morgan  
WLBC—Sports Final  
WHN—Sports Final Today  
WQXR—Sports Final  
7:00-WFAB—Fred Waring's Orchestra  
WJZ—Sports News, Stan Lomax  
WHN—George Hamilton Combs  
WQXR—Future Star Sergio  
7:15-WFAB—Future Star Final  
WOR—Confidential Your  
WQXR—Sports Orchestra  
WHN—Sports Fanfare  
WMCA—Johnnes Steel  
WQXR—Musical Review  
WOR—Go Get It  
WABC—Easy Accs



Margot Stevenson spends a lot of time taking part in CBS radio programs, but all her spare time goes to the selling of bonds and serving with the Speakers Bureau of the American Theatre Wing.

## Petition Against 'Tennessee Johnson':

# Prominent Stage Stars Protest M-G-M Pic Glorifying Johnson

Actors Cues announced today that Ben Hecht, Zero Mostel, Dean Dixon, Hazel Scott, Joseph Schildkraut, Harold Clurman, Lee Strasberg, Luther Adler, Canada Lee, Vincent Price, Stella Adler, Patricia Peardon, Herman Shumlin, Earl Robinson, Dorothy Gish, Louis Calhern, Shepard Traube, Margot Stevenson, Vyvyan Donner, and other Broadway actors, writers, directors and musicians, have signed a petition to Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information protesting Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's forthcoming motion picture "Tennessee Johnson," because it glorifies "a man who hated Negroes" and will "harm race relations and the national war effort."

The signers agree with Lowell Mellett of the Bureau of Films, OWI, that "if this film accentuated the race issue in this country, it would be very unfortunate."

The petition in full reads:

"We the undersigned feel that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is not serving the best interests of the war by issuing 'Tennessee Johnson' at this time. We agree with Lowell Mellett of the Bureau of Films, OWI, that

issue in this country, it would be very unfortunate. We are convinced beyond a shadow of doubt that it will harm race relations and the national war effort because 'Tennessee Johnson' glorifies a man who hated Negroes."

"Johnson once wrote: 'The Negroes have shown less capacity for government than any other race of people. No independent government of any form has been

successful in their hands. On the contrary, wherever they have been left to their own devices they have shown a constant tendency to lapse into barbarism.' We are not going to stop Hitler with films like this to help him."

"'Tennessee Johnson' serves the poll-taxers and the theory of 'white supremacy.' It is the successor to 'Birth of a Nation' which was responsible for many lynchings in the South during the last war. It must not be shown."

"We protest the release of 'Tennessee Johnson' and urge your office to do everything in its power to have it scrapped."

The full list of signers appears below:

Le Shull, Zero Mostel, Ben Hecht, Hazel Scott, Joseph Schildkraut, Harold Clurman, Lee Strasberg, Luther Adler, Canada Lee, Vincent Price, Stella Adler, Patricia Peardon, Sylvia Kegan, Tiny Pearson, Marvin Gabel, Herman Shumlin, Earl Robinson, Ivan Black, Dorothy Cish, Louis Calhern, Barney Josephson, Teddy Wilson, Emil K. Ellis, Fred Keating, Dr. Christian C. Holmes, Vyvyan Donner, Jay Adler, Alexander King, Shepard Traube, Margot Stevenson, Tennessee Williams, Dean Dixon.

The disappointment was the singing of Jarmila Novotna, whose Donna Elvira was shrill and lacking in dignity. I cannot understand the views of other reviewers who find in Miss Novotna's style a true Mozart style. Her phrasing and her inability to sing a single passage as a musical and dramatic whole deprive her of all semblances of Mozart style.

Walter's conducting was beautifully eloquent, though to this listener it still does not touch the marrow of harsh power which lies just beneath the surface of Mozart's limitless lyricism.

But regardless of these impressions of one listener, you have a great experience before you in the "Don Giovanni" now being offered at the Metropolitan Opera House.

## Opera:

# Met's 'Don Giovanni' Is a Great Experience

By O. V. Clyde

To the rejoicing of the town's music public, the Metropolitan followed its Magic Flute presentation with Mozart's other masterpiece, Don Giovanni.

In all the literature of music drama there is no work that can surpass this in depth of characterization and con-

summative merging of irony, comedy, pathos and tragedy. Naturally, it demands for a perfect presentation great singers, whose ability to handle prolonged and complicated tessitura passages is matched by the maturity of their acting abilities.

## Demands Of Mozart

It demands also stage direction which shall grasp the towering imaginativeness of the piece, and a conductor who will weld the orchestra, singers, and staging into a glowing organism.

I mention these preconditions because they have never, in all likelihood, been fulfilled. There have been many fine performances of Don Giovanni as there have been of Shakespeare's King Lear. But of all opera, it is the one which constantly beckons the performers and audience to profound realizations.

The Met performance had the able talents of Ezio Pinza, the conducting of Bruno Walter, the singing of Milianov. Slow to kindle life, the performance began to stir the audience as the doom of the impaled Don approached. The orchestra here and the singing took fire, and the crushing force of Mozart's tragic music made itself felt irresistibly.

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## The New GOP Chairman

AT THE Republican National Committee meeting, the reactionary and appeasement forces, headed by the Hoover-Taft clique did not dare to force the fight to a finish around their picked candidate, Schroeder.

The popularity of Willkie in the country, and the strength of his win-the-war position among the Republican voters, prevented the negotiated peace "isolationists" from seizing the titular leadership nakedly and completely.

But there can be no doubt that the ap-peace-minded group, typified by such men as Pettingill, Gannett, Martin, and above all Hoover and Taft, control the key positions in the Republican Party.

At the present time, they are compelled to cloak their real aims. Popular opposition to outright appeasement forced Senator Taft, for example, to sponsor the original Willkie pro-victory resolution which Senator Taft bitterly opposed in April. It compels the Republicans in the House to pass a glibly worded pledge of support to the war effort which, however, negates itself by carefully inserted amendments and reservations.

The country does not know much about the new GOP chairman, Spangler, except that he greeted his election with a full-

steam assault on the New Deal. What Mr. Spangler will contribute toward America's war effort remains to be seen. It is on this that he, like everyone else, will have to be judged.

From here, it looks very much as if Senator Taft and his crowd are repeating the performance of the earlier Chicago meeting. There, Taft let the Willkie forces win a paper victory because isolationism is too unpopular. But Taft then hid behind the support-the-war resolution to knife practically every pro-victory measure proposed by the Government during the entire year.

The fact that Frank Gannett, die-hard Tory, likes what happened, should warn the Willkie patriotic Republicans that the Old Guard gang has no intention of loosening its grip, nor any intention of supporting the war wholeheartedly.

It is by their attitude on extending the military offensive to Europe, by their support for the United Nations and national unity policies, by their position on such questions as total war mobilization, the abolition of the poll tax, support to the President and denunciation of the Quislingism within the GOP—it is by such tests that the country will know how to judge every Republican and the Republican Party as a whole.

## End the Darlan Deal

SPEAKING as a military leader with first-hand experience in North Africa, General Georges Catroux warns that Darlan will stab us in the back. The Fighting French General exposes the growing menace to our long lines of communication with the Tunisia battlefield arising from the entrenchment of Darlan, around whom are gathered the scum and gangsterdom of French fascism. He shows that far from saving American lives the deal with the No. 2 Vichyman places our troops in greater peril, especially if Hitler should decide to move against our positions through Spain and Spanish Morocco.

That Darlan is rapidly establishing his political power in North Africa is shown by the censorship he is able to impose on the radio stations, preventing OWI broadcasts to Europe. It is also demonstrated by the apparent failure to carry out President Roosevelt's order to free the large numbers of anti-fascist prisoners. Nor does it seem that effective abrogation of the fascist law codes, established after the fall of France, has taken place.

Darlan can no longer be considered a temporary expedient. Whatever military advantages were obtained by the deal are overshadowed by the many disadvantages. The maintenance of Darlan in power can have the effect only of endangering our military operations in Tunisia and delaying the further development of the offensive. The deal stands in the way of mobilizing the full power of resistance in France and of the French and native peoples in Africa. It is

having the effect of harming morale among the peoples of England and America.

President Roosevelt's declaration that the deal with Darlan would not outlast the current local situation was welcome. At that time this newspaper declared that the deal should be terminated as soon as the current situation which gave rise to it expired. At the same time we urged that steps immediately be taken to set up a popular civilian administration in North Africa, and to mobilize the native populations for the war against the Axis. We welcomed the President's statement that the military leaders were not authorized to enter into political arrangements and that the French people would themselves determine their fate.

It is high time that the deal with Darlan be terminated as an obstacle to winning the war.

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## THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

## WPB-Army Showdown?

By Adam Lapin

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WELL, we've had another crisis in the war production set-up, another showdown between WPB and the Army. The dispute has now quieted down for the time being, and there is a temporary lull.

Actually the agreement between WPB Chief Donald Nelson and Army officials on control or production settled nothing. It was reported in some newspapers as a victory for Nelson, in others as a victory for the Army. The truth is that it was inconclusive. It resulted merely in a breathing spell preliminary to another showdown.

We've had so many crises of this sort, so many conflicts during the past couple of years in WPB and its predecessor agencies that it's easy to get a bit sceptical about the meaning and importance of these perennial clashes.

This crisis was certainly not the last. But it may be the one before the last. Next time it will be more difficult to postpone any further real action directed towards knitting together production with other aspects of the war program into one over-all agency with powers to plan and direct the whole show.

ONE hopeful development is that Nelson all too slowly, all too laboriously is finally coming round to the point of view embodied in the Tolson-Pepper bill.

Nelson still hopes for compromise. He still wants to try to run the production program on the basis of

dual control divided between the War Department and WPB. But he is reliably reported to realize now that if this new agreement doesn't work out the only solution left is that embodied in the Tolson proposal.

Fortunately, too, there has emerged in WPB a strong figure who is capable of playing an even more important role than he has heretofore. While not as spectacular as Henry Kaiser, Charles E. Wilson of General Motors has some of the same qualities. He understands production planning and drive. He doesn't admit defeat before obstacles. More clearly than any other leading industrialist in WPB, he seems to see the need for an over-all plan.

Wilson was brought into WPB by Nelson to be in charge of production, to take over some of the duties which Nelson relinquished last March to the Army.

It was over Wilson's functions that the real fight between WPB and the Army took place. The agreement between WPB and the armed services gives Wilson general supervision over scheduling of production. But Lieut. Gen. Breckin Somervell interprets Wilson's powers in such a way as to make them virtually meaningless. He insists that the Army will continue to be in full charge of production from start to finish, that it will not permit WPB to have direct contact with contractors.

Actually the Army has never scheduled production—in the sense of seeing to it that the work of all

its plants is coordinated, that a finished plane gets made at the right time by having all the parts completed in time.

And there can be no real scheduling as long as each branch of the service has its own program, and tries to schedule without regard to what every other branch is doing.

Nelson and Wilson have not publicly discussed the real problems involved in their dispute with the Army. But there no doubt that the real issues involved in this conflict are part of the larger fight over planning of war production.

IT is now becoming clear that we are beginning to pay the penalty for our failure to plan. Production has increased, but we have not reached the production goals fixed last year by the President, and there will be further lags which will become more serious in their consequences unless we do plan.

In manpower and food, steps have at least been taken towards the centralization of competing agencies, steps which create the conditions to make planning possible. Manpower and food are very important aspects of our war economy. But it is more than a little anomalous to think that they can be planned while production itself remains planless. And yet this is the actual situation.

Progress has been made these last few days. Now it is necessary to take all-important steps of integrating all the agencies in the field of war economy, of establishing the centralized control which is a prerequisite for over-all planning.

## Notes on the Second Front

By Gene Dennis

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(Continued from yesterday.)

Along with the vital question of helping solve the problems of war production, it is necessary to organize a more effective, systematic and a more convincing mass campaign of political clarification, of popular enlightenment as to why America and all our allies need the Second Front; of the role of the Second Front in Europe as the keystone of the most effective coalition warfare by the United Nations; and what is the perspective for victory if the Second Front is opened speedily.

Here the question is no longer

one only of explaining why Hitler

Germany is the heart and core of

the Axis, why a two-front war in

Europe will force Hitler to fatally

divide his main forces, etc. Nor

is it only a question of having to

influence the main direction of the

blows of American military effort.

For this issue has been more or

less favorably decided with the launching of the African offensive.

But one of the chief questions

that does have to be resolved is the

time element, the timing of the Sec-

ond Front. The question is: whether

the U. S. and Britain will utilize

fully and in time the new oppor-

tunities created by the Red Army's

offensive, by the changed situation

brought about by the Anglo-American

initiative in Africa, and by the

rising wave of anti-fascist struggle

in the occupied countries.

The question is not whether the

African offensive will be extended

and developed, for this it will be;

but one of how soon and on what

scale will it be extended to the Eu-

ropean continent and fully co-ordi-

nated with the decisive Eastern

Front.

This and similar questions need to

be clarified and explained again and

again in the labor movement and

everywhere in the country. This

needs to be raised squarely, plainly,

and above all, constructively, espe-

cially now from the angle of mobili-

zing the maximum and most en-

thusiastic political, moral and ma-

terial support for our African of-

fensive, for ensuring its most ener-

getic prosecution and for stimulat-

ing and encouraging the govern-

ment to quickly expand our military

operations into the main and de-

cisive theater of the war, in Eu-

rope. And this will require, among

other things, that we wage a much

more effective political struggle

against the defeatists and obstruc-

tions, against the Hoovers and Hearsts,

so as to really unmask, isolate and

root them.

In our agitation and propaganda

and mass work for the Second

Front, special attention needs to be

given to the situation in the oc-

cupied countries, to show how the

development of guerrilla warfare

and mass resistance in such coun-

tries as Yugoslavia, France and

Norway create additional favorable

military political factors for invad-

ing Europe now; and also we must

make clear what further delay in

establishing the Second Front

would mean to the fate of tens of

millions of heroic anti-fascist

fighters who constitute a military

force.

Likewise the struggle for control

of the two major parties is now

sharpening, and the outcome of this

too is as yet undecided. In the

Republican Party, while Willkie's

mass political influence is great,

the war powers of the Executive, to

put into effect the legislative pro-

gram of the National Association of

Manufacturers, and generally to

undermine and obstruct the govern-